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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/016,790	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HOUGH ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Benjamin R. Bruckart	<b>Art Unit</b> 2155	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Benjamin R. Bruckart. (3) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Gregory Lunt, Reg. No. 57,354. (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Interview: 23 August 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Slennox and BotnetCentral.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.


Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant and Examiner discussed proposed amendments to the claim limitations that would require further search and consideration. The amendments were to overcome the Botnet reference that uses triggers for bots to interpret and query based on said plain language messages. The examiner suggested distinguishing with the term 'every' message is parsed and more than one member can add a resource to a chat session.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

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Examiner's signature, if required

**Bruckart, Benjamin**

**From:** Gregory R. Lunt [GLunt@WNLaw.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2007 10:56 AM  
**To:** Bruckart, Benjamin  
**Subject:** RE: Request for a Telephone Interview for Application Serial #10/016,790 / WN# 13768.810.76

Examiner Bruckart --

Attached is an amended claim for discussion during our interview later today.

PROPOSED CLAIM -- DO NOT ENTER PROPOSED CLAIM IN RECORD

1. (Currently Amended) At a computer system configured to manage an online chat session relating to a specified subject being discussed between a plurality of members of a group of chat participants, the group including a plurality of computer users, a computer implemented method for including a plurality of computer users as members of the group of chat participants and a plurality of software resources as ~~a members~~ of the group of chat participants within the online chat session conducted through a messaging service, each software resource in the plurality of software resources being includable in the online chat session, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving a first request to add a first software resource to an online chat session from a first member of the online chat session, each of the plurality of software resources being ~~registering the software resource to indicate that it is available to participate in an the online chat session, when added by a chat session member said software resource is executed;~~

(b) receiving a second request to add a second software resource to the online chat session \*  
from a second member of the online chat session;

~~(b)~~ (c) including both the first software resource and the second software resource, along with the plurality of computer users, as members in a group of online chat participants, each member in the group of chat participants, including the software resources, capable of sending a plain language message relating to the specified subject being discussed to all the other members in the group of chat participants, including ~~the~~ those software resources that have been added by online chat session members including at least the first and second software resources;

(d) one of the plurality of computer users transmitting the plain language message to a plurality of members of the group of online chat participants, including the plurality of software resources that have been added by online chat session members;

~~(e)~~ (e) the first software resource receiving from a member of the group of chat participants a submission of a plain language message related to the specified subject being discussed, the message lacking any specific identifier indicating that the message is solely for the first software resource; \*

~~(d)~~ transmitting the plain language message to each member of the group of online chat participants, including the software resource;

*every member*

(e) (f) the first software resource parsing the plain language message to generate a query for data related to the specified subject being discussed, the parsing performed solely in response to receiving the plain language message, the message lacking any specific identifier indicating that the message is solely for the first software resource; \*

(f) (g) the first software resource submitting the generated query to at least one database to obtain data specific to the subject being discussed;

(g) (h) the first software resource receiving a response to the query from at least one of the at least one databases;

(h) (i) the first software resource determining a plain language response to the message based on the received database response, the plain language response being related to the subject being discussed; and

(i) (j) the first software resource transmitting the plain language response back to all of the members of the group of chat participants, including the member that submitted the plain language message and including at least one other member that did not submit the plain language message, thus enabling each member of the group of chat participants to equally interact with the software resource as another participant in the online chat session, by responding to the plain language message relating to the specified subject being discussed.

PROPOSED CLAIM -- DO NOT ENTER PROPOSED CLAIM IN RECORD

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**From:** Bruckart, Benjamin [mailto:Benjamin.Bruckart@USPTO.GOV]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2007 12:33 PM

**To:** Gregory R. Lunt

**Cc:** Dee So

**Subject:** RE: Request for a Telephone Interview for Application Serial #10/016,790 / WN# 13768.810.76

I look forward to your call Thursday.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gregory R. Lunt [mailto:GLunt@WNLaw.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2007 2:33 PM

**To:** Bruckart, Benjamin

**Cc:** Dee So

**Subject:** RE: Request for a Telephone Interview for Application Serial #10/016,790 / WN# 13768.810.76

Examiner Bruckart-

Let's plan on Thursday at 5pm EST. The agenda will cover the following points:

- The purpose and inventive concept behind our invention

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- The cited art, including *Slennox* and *BotnetCentral*, how the art relates to our invention and the reasons we believe that we are different than the cited art
- How the claim amendments, as filed, overcome the cited art – specifically, how the amended claim language helps clarify and distinguish this invention over the cited art (e.g. amended claim 1 as filed)

If you have any other questions, please let me know.

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**From:** Bruckart, Benjamin [mailto:Benjamin.Bruckart@USPTO.GOV]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2007 6:25 AM  
**To:** Dee So  
**Subject:** RE: Request for a Telephone Interview for Application Serial #10/016,790

Greetings,

I am available after 5pm EST most days however my schedule is limited as I am currently assigned on detail.

Can we tentatively schedule an interview for Thursday at 5pm EST? I will wait to hear from you. Friday is also open for scheduling.

However, the proposed agenda is insufficient. It blankly states discussing the rejection of claim 1. I require a detailed agenda that specifically points out the issues to be discussed/argued or claim amendments being suggested.

Since this is under Final, I will need more information so I can prepare.

-Ben  
571-272-3982

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dee So [mailto:DSO@WNLaw.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2007 8:58 PM  
**To:** Bruckart, Benjamin  
**Cc:** Dee So  
**Subject:** Request for a Telephone Interview for Application Serial #10/016,790  
**Importance:** High

Hello Examiner-

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We would like to request a telephone Interview with you in regards to Serial No.: 10/016,790. Please find attached an Agenda listing the issues to be discussed. Please let us know the dates and times of your availability to meet with us. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 801.321.8824. Thank you Examiner.

Best regards,

Dee So

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